

**MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE
ROOM W010, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
January 30, 2007**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Glenn Donnelson, Chair
 Rep. John Mathis, Vice Chair
 Rep. Douglas Aagard
 Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman
 Rep. Lorie Fowlke
 Rep. Neil Hansen
 Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
 Rep. Eric Hutchings
 Rep. Curt Oda
 Rep. Larry Wiley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Keith Grover

STAFF PRESENT: Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
 Karen Mitchell, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Donnelson called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2007 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

H.B. 304 State Treasurer Compensation (*Rep. D. Clark*)

Rep. Clark explained the bill to the committee. (handout)

MOTION: Rep. Bowman move to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

H.B. 317 Capitol Hill Complex - Legislative Space (*Rep. W. Harper*)

Rep. Harper explained the bill to the committee. (handout)

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Oda absent for the vote.

H.B. 251 Auditing of Leases Related to Revenue Bonds (Rep. N. Hansen)

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 1, Line 24:*

24 protect its financial interests; _
 ▶ exempts international airports from the requirement for an independent assessment;

2. *Page 2, Line 51 through Page 3, Line 65:*

51 (1) **(a)** Beginning July 1, 2007, **and except as provided under Subsection**
 (1)(b), any contract or agreement between a local political
52 subdivision and a private entity shall include provisions that allow the local political
53 subdivision to:
54 ~~{(a)}~~ **(i)** independently assess, as provided under Subsection (2), the ability
 of the private
55 entity to meet its financial obligations to the local political subdivision if the contract or
56 agreement involves lease payments, the revenue from which is pledged for the payment of
57 principal or interest on a revenue bond; and
58 ~~{(b)}~~ **(ii)** rescind or amend the contract or agreement if:
59 ~~{(i)}~~ **(A)** the independent assessment performed under Subsection
 (1)(a) **(i)** produces a finding
60 that the private entity is unable to meet its lease payments to the local political subdivision;
 and
61 ~~{(ii)}~~ **(B)** based on the assessment performed under Subsection
 (1)(a) **(i)**, the local political
62 subdivision determines that the rescission or amendment is necessary to protect the
 financial
63 interests of the local political subdivision. _
 (b) A contract or agreement that generates revenue that is payable in relation
 to an international airport, is exempt from the requirements of this
 section.
64 (2) The local political subdivision shall ensure the independent assessment under
65 Subsection (1)(a) **(i)** is conducted:

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Bowman moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 2, Lines 32 through 33:*

32 in accordance with accounting principles adopted by the ~~{Federal}~~ Financial
Accounting
33 Standards Board; and

2. *Page 3, Lines 71 through 72:*

71 with generally accepted accounting principles adopted by the
~~{Federal}~~ Financial Accounting Standards
72 Board.

The motion to amend the bill passed unanimously.

Rep. Hansen explained the amended bill.

Spoke against the bill: Lincoln Shurtz, Utah League of Cities and Towns
LeGrand Bitter, Utah Association of Special Districts
David Harmer, Director Community and Economic Development,
Ogden City

MOTION: Rep. Wiley moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion failed with Rep. Bowman, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hendrickson, Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Wiley voting in favor of the motion.

S.B. 11 Unemployment Compensation - Social Security Offset (Sen. J. Hickman)

Sen. Hickman explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

S.B. 32 Filings of Administrative Rules, Orders, and Regulations (Sen. H. Stephenson)

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Mathis, Rep. Fowlke, and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Wiley moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Mathis, Rep. Fowlke, and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

S.B. 8 Use of State Engineer Fees (*Sen. M. Dayton*)

Sen. Dayton explained the bill.

Spoke for the bill: Kent Jones, Assistant Engineer, Utah State Division of Water Rights
Todd Bingham, Utah Farm Bureau

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Aagard and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Aagard and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Hansen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Aagard and Rep. Hutchings absent for the vote.

Rep. Donnelson adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Rep. Glenn Donnelson, Chair